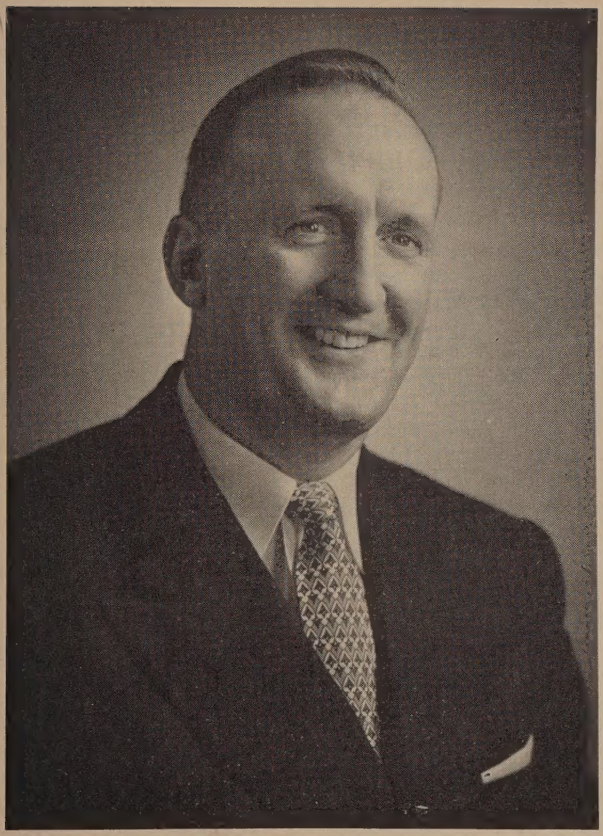

Dr. Dale Emerson Turner - New Moderator
Kansas Congregational and Christian Conference

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Summer Plans

According to present plans, Mr. Hepler expects to be on vacation July 6-16 following a week at the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council at Doane College. The Hepler family will attend Family Camp at Estes Park, July 29 to August 4 and following that will vacation to August 20.

The Rymph's plan to be out of the office July 15 to 30, and perhaps a week later in August. Major and Mrs. Roy Coffey (Elaine Rymph) and four children are due home from Africa the last of July, making it possible for a family reunion sometime in August. Major Coffey, an orthopedic surgeon has been stationed at the U. S. Air Force Base hospital near Casablanca for the past two and one-half years.

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Congregational Library in Boston at Your Service

Many ministers, laymen and church women find the summer is a good time to catch up on study and reading.

Except for ten-day books, books may be kept throughout the summer. Also more copies may be requested. The library will be glad also to send a selection of books on any subject. Biographies are popular for summer reading. Subjects for a series of sermons are good for fall preparation, such as the parables, the ten commandments, the beatitudes, books of the Bible, how we got our Bible, denominations, Congregational history, etc.

If in Boston during the summer, you are cordially invited to visit the Congregational Library at 14 Beacon Street. The service of this library is free to all Congregational ministers and members.

Can You Help?

Mrs. Frank Korab asks our help in trying to relocate a treasured book belonging to the late Frank Korab entitled, "Tertium Organum." Before his death Mr. Korab loaned the book to someone in our Kansas Congregational family. Should anyone have knowledge of the whereabouts of the book, will you please notify the Conference office or Mrs. Korab at 816 N. Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas.

To Our Graduates

"What are you going to do with your life?" There are many fine answers to this question—teaching, law, business, medicine and many others.

But what about the possibility of a career in the Church, as a minister, missionary or director of Christian education? I know some of you are considering this seriously. I hope others will. And I hope your parents will encourage you. For our world must have its churches—better churches than ever before. And how can it have them without trained and consecrated leaders?

From—The Tidings
By Ned Burr McKenney

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Hats Off To The Past --- Coats Off To The Future

Dale E. Turner — Moderator

Each one of us who had the privilege of being at the State Conference this year, wishes to extend his deepest gratitude to our church at Manhattan, its leadership, its good laymen, and the numerous friends in the area who helped to make our week-end conference one of the finest to this date. We have only the pleasantest of memories concerning the three days we were together. We were heartened by the many fine reports which we both read and heard. We have made gains in several strategic areas in the work of our churches. Our women's work and our laymen's fellowship have made unusually fine gains in recent years. Attendance at summer youth camps is most gratifying. Several comparatively inactive churches have shown signs of life and vitality. For these and other evidences of progress, we are grateful.

In the presence of so many reports that were encouraging, there were some rather disconcerting facts brought to our attention. Our numerical gain seemd to some of us to be far too small. The proportion of our benevolent giving in relation to our total church budgets seemed to be pitifully low. Our help to colleges and seminaries has not been of such stature that we swell with pride. The recruitment of young people for the ministry leaves much to be desired. In the fields of Stewardship, Evangelism, Christian Education, Town and Country Work, Social Action and many other phases of the fast growing program, there is need for more guidance and leadership than can be given by our present Conference staff with their crowded schedule filling multiple responsibilities. More volunteer workers giving of their time and talents sacrificially or funds to enlarge the Conference Staff seem to be the only possible answers to this problem.

We are glad for the satisfactions we have gained through the tasks that were completed with some degree of excellence, and we are glad too for these great tasks that confront us. They will stimulate our desire to grow and challenge the depth of our commitment and devotion to the church. And so we say: "Hats off to the Past, but Coats off to the Future!"

Omaha General Council
June 20-27

Kansas certified delegates elected at Manhattan on May 5 are:

Mr. Charles Armstrong, Muscotah
Rev. John Becker, Lenora
Mr. Ralph Ewing, Russell
Mr. Cleo Fisher, Topeka Seabrook
Mr. Guy T. Gebhardt, Wichita Fairmount
Mr. Robert Gunn, Prairie Village
Mrs. Jack Happy, Lawrence
Rev. Mrs. John H. Jones, Towanda
Rev. Wm. F. Keeney, Manhattan
Rev. Geo. Ogden Kirk, Wichita Plymouth
Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Topeka Seaman
Mrs. Wm. Lehmberg, McPherson
Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Topeka Central
Rev. S. Duane Ogden, Sabetha
Rev. Louis G. Poppe, Whitewater
Esther Catherine Relihan, Smith Center
Mr. Alfred Schroeder, Newton
Rev. Fred Smith, Centralia
Rev. Paxton Smith, Independence
Rev. Malcolm White, Kinsley
Mr. Roscoe Graves, Emporia First
Rev. L. M. Rymph, Superintendent
Mr. Camden Strain, Topeka First
Rev. Dale Turner, Lawrence
Mr. E. C. Wedell, Great Bend

The main sessions will be held in the Music Hall of the recently completed seven-million-dollar civic auditorium. This hall is air-conditioned, comfortably furnished and tastefully decorated.

On Saturday evening, June 23 and Sunday the 24th, a great historical pageant celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Williamstown Haystack Meeting, will be presented in the arena which can seat almost 9,000 people. This great pageant is being produced by the same team that directed "Festival of Faith" at Soldiers Field in Chicago for the World Council of Churches.

Music for the Council will be furnished by the Casa Materna Children's Choir and by Mr. William Dempsey of Dillard University who is a singer with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra.

Featured speakers include Patrick Murphy Malin, Executive Secretary of the American Civic Liberties Union, T. Norris Wilson of Church World Service, Liston Pope, Dean of Yale Divinity School and Dr. Alford Carleton of the American Board.

As we go to press almost 500 Kansas Pilgrims are registered for our three Wa-Shun-Ga Camps:

Senior	108 Girls; 62 Boys	
	21 Leaders;	
	Total	191
First Jr. Hi	121 Girls; 86 Boys	
	20 Leaders;	
	Total	227
Second Jr. Hi	71 Girls; 29 Boys	
	21 Leaders;	
	Total	121

Ellis Mission Emphasis

On Wednesday evening, May 23, the Ellis Church climaxed a two month emphasis on missions with a covered dish dinner and program at which the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Lee of Osborne were the guest speakers. Ninety persons attended the dinner and program. All were thrilled with the inspiring message of the Lee's and their magnificent color slides taken during their years as missionaries in Alaska. The Rev. Robert E. Gurtler, minister, reports that over the past two months special offerings were received for a $200. Second Mile missionary goal which was successfully reached.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
SARDIS
CHURCH
EMPORIA

The above birthday cake, topped with a replica of the Sardis Church near Emporia, was made by Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, President and Secretary of The Women's Society. Pictures left to right are: W. G. Roberts, Arthur Lewis, Evan Williams and the Rev. Conrad Vandervelde.

The church, located five miles southwest of Emporia, was filled to capacity for the celebration of the 85th anniversary when a historical sermon was preached by Dr. Vandervelde who has been minister of the church for 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Roberts of Parsons presented the church with brass candlesticks in memory of their parents and in appreciation of what the church has meant to them. The service included many Welsh hymns in honor of the Welsh founders of the church.

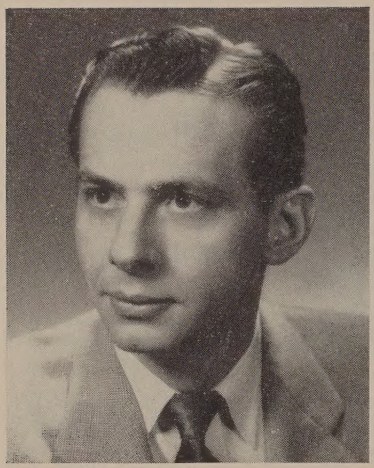
Conference Echoes

Many words of praise have been received for the fine service rendered by the Manhattan Church in entertaining the first week-end State Conference, for the high caliber of the program and for the good attendance, especially the large lay representation. We want to express special thanks to the Rev. Wm. F. Keeney, host pastor and to Mrs. R. M. Kerchner, General Chairman.

There were 391 people registered, and many in attendance who did not register. Only 146 were housed in homes, as many made their own hotel or motel reservations and others commuted. The numbers at meals were:

Friday evening	202
Saturday breakfast	135
Saturday noon—women	205
Saturday noon — men	135
Saturday evening	365
Sunday noon — Student Union	267
Sunday noon—picnic—church basement	79

There were 90 laymen at the Saturday afternoon meeting, and 235 women attended the women's sectional meeting. Saturday night attendance was 408. There were 680 present at the Sunday morning service in the City Auditorium.



Robert M. Rymph

Called to Ruby

Returning to a committment made during high school days, Robert (Bob) Rymph gave up a business career to enter the Christian Ministry. On April 9 he candidated at the Ruby Avenue Congregational Church in Kansas City and was given a unanimous call. On May 5 at the Manhattan State Conference, he was given a license by the Eastern Association. A special Recognition Service at the Saturday evening session was conducted by Superintendent L. M. Rymph and the Rev. Elmer E. Erickson, Registrar of Eastern Association.

The Rymph's—Bob and Gerry with Stephen 6, and David 3, moved to the Kansas City parsonage at 3528 Silver on May 29 and Bob began his pastorate June first. Bob is a graduate of the University of Kansas. He plans to take work at the Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City this fall.

As his basic reason for giving up Life Insurance for the Christian Ministry, Bob explains that his greatest satisfactions in life have come through church and community activities where he served others.

Important Dates

August 12-19: Laymen and Women week long Conference at La Foret

September 2-24: **Fall Planning Sessions** of Conference Boards and Committees.

2 and 3: P.F. Officers' Planning Conference at Rymph's.

3rd—afternoon and evening meeting of the Committee on the Ministry at Rymph's

13-10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Evangelism Committee and Town and Country Committee at Heplers

14-10 A.M.-5 P.M.—Christian Education Committee at Rymph's.

16-12:30 P.M. (Lunch) to 5 P.M., Family Life Commission at Rymph's.

17 and 18—Women's Board Meeting at Rymph's.

18—(afternoon and evening) Social Action Committee at Hepler's

22-23—4 P.M. Saturday to 4 P.M. Sunday, Third Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at Topeka First.

23—5 P.M. to 9 P.M. Stewardship Committee at Heplers

24—9 A.M. thru noon—Board of Trustees at Rymph's.

October 2—Southern Association at Eureka

October 4—Eastern Association at Seneca

October 7 and 8—Western Association at Kinsley

October 16-18—Midwest Regional Meeting at Battle Creek, Michigan

October 20—Work Day for Christ

October 21—Laymen's Sunday

November 2 and 3—Statewide Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Rally

April 26-28, 1957—Second Annual Week-end State Conference Meeting.

Fire Damages Haven Church

Thursday afternoon, May 17 will be remembered as a sad date by the members of our Haven Congregational Church. About 4:00 P.M. fire was discovered pouring out from the roof of the newly remodeled church. Damage to the roof and interior is estimated at $6,000.00. All furnishings including pews, organ, chancel furniture and even the carpet were removed by volunteer workers. The fire chief gave special credit to Haven High School young people who assisted firemen.

The newly remodeled church was rededicated with special services January 8. Rev. J. D. Schmidt is minister. Insurance of only $7,000.00 was carried, leaving much of the loss not covered. Plans for increasing the insurance had not been carried out.

Insurance and Inspection

Every church would do well to review their insurance program and have a thorough inspection for fire hazards by a careful committee each year. Janitors and other employees should be instructed to watch constantly for fire hazards and immediately correct or report same.

Causes of Church Fires

Heating plants and defective chimneys	44%
Defective electric wiring, including organ	16%
Lightning	9%
Fire from a neighboring building	6%
Smoking and matches	5%
Repair and repainting hazards	4%
Candles and wax tapers	3%
Incense charcoal	2%
Kitchen hazards	1%
Careless handling of inflammable liquids	1%
Decorations	1%
Miscellaneous	8%

(prepared by Eastern Underwriters Association)

Additional Authorized Special Gifts To South Central Wichita

Garden City	$30.00
Independence	5.00
Lenora	26.00
Manhattan	24.81
Mt. Hope Women	12.50
Topeka Seaman	40.00
Wichita Plymouth	141.94
Woman's Gift	366.66

The total to May 25 is $1,246.23.

The goal for the project is $2,000.00. Has your Church School shared?

Get Well Wishes

Our best wishes go to the lady of the Russell parsonage, Mrs. Hans (Ruth) Poppe, who underwent surgery on the 11th of May.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. H. S. Russell
By McPherson Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Elizabeth Kaup
By Downs Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Clara Pray
By Maize Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Anna Weiss
By Leavenworth Women's Guild

Mrs. Amilia Sanford
By Independence Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Etta Whittaker
By Almena Women's Fellowship

Mrs. R. E. Jones
By Wichita Plymouth Guild

Mrs. Minnie McMahon
Mrs. Mary Kingsley
By Ellis Ladies' Aid Society

HEARTWARMERS

It was heartwarming . . . .

. . to sleep in the "blue room" in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thompson of Anthony, and to talk books and guns with them. When Mr. Thompson came downstairs for breakfast carrying an armful of guns—I looked twice—however, the guns were antiques and Mr. T. was smiling so I had nothing to fear. The Church at Anthony is charming and so are the members. They gave me a delicious dinner and a hearty welcome.

. . to be a guest at a salad luncheon the next day at Independence. It was most pleasant to renew acquaintance with many and it was encouraging to see great interest in planning a Social Action program for the Fellowship.

. . to attend the biggest-ever State Conference. Manhattan can take a bow for taking us in stride and making us feel happy and comfortable. It was heartwarming to hear Mary Fiebiger for she is a most vibrant Christian. Rev. Kenneth Kohler, head of the E and R Laymen's Fellowship, did much to widen our vision of the proposed union with these good folk. Our first weekend State Conference was a success.

. . to hear little Italian children sing, "God Bless America" as they stopped in Topeka on their tour of American cities. The tour was sponsored by Emanuel Santi, brother of Dr. Teofile Santi, the Doctor who serves at our CC Welfare Mission, Casa Mia. The children live near Naples and they are heartstealers.

. . to meet with the Sedgwick Fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Plumer. These ladies are most interested in our 6 areas of service and it was good to visit with them concerning the Woman's Gift, Retreat, and other matters.

. . to have a fine visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Leonard of Eureka. Muriel is a sister Board member and we found much to warm our hearts as we washed the breakfast dishes. It was very nice to visit with the incoming officers and

the deaconesses as we had luncheon together. The afternoon meeting of the Eureka Women's Guild was especially heartwarming as I was given the privilege of installing the officers for the coming year.

. . to go to Kiowa, our southernmost Fellowship. While there are two organizations of women in this Church, they have a United Executive Board which seems to me an excellent way to work together. I commend this plan to other churches that have two or more separate groups, as a means of interchanging ideas and reaching solutions to problems. The Kiowa folk are most friendly and I enjoyed meeting with them.

. . to wish you a pleasant summer. I hope many of you make it a profitable one by attending one or more of our summer gatherings—General Council in Omaha; Family Camp at Estes Park; Christian Social Action conference at LaForet; Laymen and Women's Conference at LaForet. We not only learn many worthwhile things, but we learn to love one another and so grow as Christians.

—Vera Lancaster

Message For Summer

J. B. Phillips has such a wonderful way of interpreting the Bible for us that I am going to let him send this message to you. I hope you will read his translation of Phillipians and meditate on it. Let the words speak directly to you and let them be your guide during the summer months. Not just your personal guide, but let these words be the basis for your fellowships.

I am taking some liberty with the first few verses . . .And you, my true fellow-workers, I ask you to help the women on your State Board. They worked hard with me for the Gospel (and for the Packet that they hope will lead you to the Gospel). I ask you to help them by studying the Packet and making full use of it in your Fellowship.

"Delight yourselves in God, yes, find your joy in Him at all times. Have a reputation for gentleness, and never forget the nearness of your Lord.

Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.

Here is a last piece of advice. If you believe in goodness and if you value the approval of God, fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good. Model your conduct on what you have learned from me, on what I have told you and shown you, and you will find that the God of peace will be with you."

The last paragraph is how Phillips says, THINK ON THESE THINGS —our theme for 1956-57.

I hope you have a happy and fruitful summer. Search for ways to serve God and man and it can't be otherwise.

Vera Lancaster

Pre-Council Meeting

On June 19, from 1:30 through the evening, the National Women's Fellowship will sponsor a meeting of special interest to women. Featured speaker at the banquet to be held at the Blackstone Hotel at 6:00 P.M., will be Miss Elsie Farris. Reservations should be sent at once to Mrs. H. J. Platt, 309 S. 57th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Missionary Education In The Church School

A rich variety of aids for mission study is available for the church school. Every year the major protestant denominations pick a home and foreign mission theme for the year. Two series of books are then prepared for use in our churches. The 1955-56 home mission theme is the American Indian, and the Foreign Mission theme is "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."

If, for example, you are in the primary department, your children would be interested in "The Gray Eyes Family," described in our Pilgrim Press catalog: "A true picture of some Indian Americans today, showing how a family living deep in the Navajo reservation are touched by modern life." Paper back, $1.25, cloth, $2.00, with a teacher's guide for 50c. The foreign mission theme is presented in "The Singing Secret", which is described: "Ten lively stories about the many ways in which boys and girls in eight countries hear the story of Jesus." Similar texts are available for all ages. The Pilgrim Press catalog also lists maps and other resources for this study.

How can these materials be used in the church school? You may desire to substitute mission study for one quarter in the place of your present materials. Or the mission study may be an All-Church School project and form the basis of the general assembly every week.

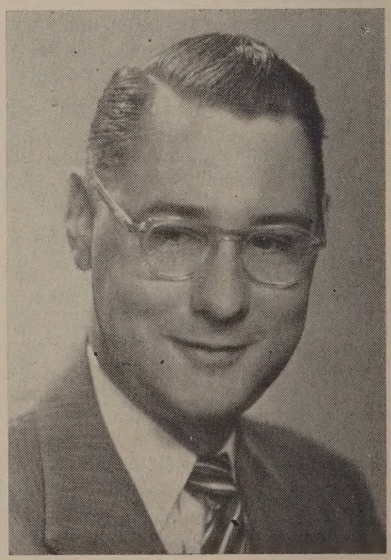
Mission work can be made more real to the children in several ways. Some church schools devote all their offerings to missions, and have the church underwrite their budget for materials. In Advance, there is always a "Project of the Month" indicating gifts or materials which children can make and send to our mission fields.

Best of all would be for each church or church school to "adopt" a missionary, and keep in personal touch with him by letter, inviting him to visit when on furlough, and sending him articles which he can use in his work—used Christmas cards, pictures, books, clothing, and the like.

—Malcolm V. White

Wisegarver To Masschusetts

The Rev. Harald Wisegarver who has served the Smith Center-Athol parish for the past three years has accepted a call to the Union Congregational Church of Tauton, Mass., and will begin work there the first of September. In addition to serving the church he will continue his schooling at Andover Newton Seminary. The Wisegarver's previously served our church at Maple Hill while Harald completed work at Washburn University.



Rev. Harald Wisegarver

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Ralph Ewing
President

Charles Aeschliman
Vice President

Ed. Crans
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Ralph Ewing

To All Laymen

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me your President for the next two years. It is with a sense of humility and pride that I assume this responsibility. I shall try to the best of my ability to fulfill this obligation in your Conference and on the National level.

To do a good job it is necessary to have cooperation and a common "Goal." I am positive we can set a challenging Goal and that everyone will do all possible to achieve it.

I would like to ask that if anyone has any ideas, suggestions or comments as to how we can strengthen and improve our Fellowship that they immediately pass them on to me, either verbally or in writing. These suggestions apply to programs, organization, anything concerned with Laymen's Fellowship on state or local level. Let us all take part, not just leave it to our officers.

It was most gratifying to see the exceptionally fine turnout of Laymen at the State Conference. It was a fine start, but only a start toward reaching our great potential.

There are four important meetings in the near future to which laymen should give serious consideration.

First - the General Council at Omaha June 20-27. Let me repeat, it is our golden opportunity, privilege and almost a must. Never before, and probably not for years to come, will we be so fortunate as to have this national meeting, so close, and available at very little cost, time and effort. Kansas should be well represented.

Second - the sixth Annual Le Foret Conference, August 12-19 for laymen and women to be held in the beautiful Black Forest of Colorado. A full week of fellowship, workshops, interest groups and fun.

Third - the combined C.C. and E & R Laymen's Retreat at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, August 25 and 26. This will be a splendid opportunity to get better acquainted with laymen of both denominations in our neighboring state. Perhaps we could gain more than we can give, and it would be a chance to see the other fellow in action.

Fourth - Kansas Laymen's Churchmanship Work-Shop to be held at Topeka First, September 22 and 23. We hope to have a most worth-while and interesting program. Final details will be given later, "Watch and Read". To be worthwhile, it must have your active participation. This can only be

accomplished by having a good attendance. Success is attained by growth and going forward; standing still means slow death, sometimes not so slow. Thus, let us be sure we grow numerically, go forward and live.

Let me again thank you for the honor bestowed on me and quote the first four lines of the poem, "One Step More" by James Dillet Freeman.

A hill is not too hard to climb
Taken one step at a time.
One step is not too much to take,
One try is not too much to make.

Ralph N. Ewing

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Seneca

On Conference Sunday, Laymen had charge of the Morning Service with William Murphy bringing a message on "Soil Conservation."

American Board Seminar

At the International Seminar for Laymen held in Chicago May 25-27, Kansas was well represented by the following laymen:
Charles Aeschliman, Sabetha
Frank Good—Wichita Plymouth
Dan Hopkins, Garden City
George R. Lehmberg—McPherson
Orval Reeves—K. C. Welborn

Fellow Christians from responsible positions in churches in Africa, America, Europe, India and Japan spoke on the revolutionary movements that are sweeping the world—America included.

These five men will be available in their local churches and associations to share the findings of the Chicago Meeting.

"THE CROSS HAS BEEN LIFTED"
from Wichita South Central News

The Cross has been lifted over our community. This central symbol of our Christian faith, standing on the corner of Galena and Laura can be seen for quite a distance in every direction. Made of steel and concrete, weighing twelve and a half tons, it was the first part of the building to be erected. The picture was taken on May 7. Before that week was over the poured concrete walls were lifted into place.

The Cross is a symbol of hope, for when the new building is completed the program can be extended to include scouts, socials, study groups, fellowship groups, Bible School and church suppers. Giving meaning to all this is the Christian hope which the cross brings to all men.

The Cross is also a challenge. It was something to see it lifted into the Air! In the years to come the cross will speak a personal message to all who see it.

Our church now has 51 members and attendance averages between 80 and 90.

Elmo Paff—Minister

Rev. John R. Lepke

Family Camp to Have Missionary Guests

Rev. John R. Lepke, his wife, Charma, and their small son, Mark, missionaries on furlough from South Africa, will be guest leaders at the Estes Park Family Camp from July 29 to August 4. Prior to their five year term in South Africa, they served churches in Nebraska.

Concerning conditions in Africa, Mr. Lepke reports, "As I see it, the greatest challenge in Africa today is spiritual. I believe the great imperative for the Christian mission there is to do things and do them quickly. Inflation, increasing racial tension and rapid industrialization of a rural people are creating pressing problems which bear heavily on African churches. My major task in working with 47 of these African churches, with the student groups, and with various inter-racial cooperative groups, has been to try to promote attitudes and qualities which make for self-respect and hope."

Calling On All Churches

A state-wide visitation to enlist the churches to exert themselves in the name of Christ for a larger and more significant world outreach is now underway.

Each church in the conference will receive a visit from either Superintendent L. Merle Rymph or Assistant Superintendent Orville Hepler. They are meeting with an enlarged church council in each church.

After the showing of the feature film of the year, "A Gift for My Son", the group reviews the financial record of the church for the past five years. Then they evaluate their giving potential for their share in Our Christian World Mission for 1957.

Churches that have been visited or have accepted a date for visitation are: Topeka First, Great Bend, Independence, Sabetha, Maple Hill, Towanda, Whitewater, Council Grove, Topeka Seabrook, Topeka Central, Prairie Village, Wichita Plymouth, Almena, Kirwin, Gorham and Russell.

Mrs. John Lepke

Your Church Has A Job To Do

It Has A Mission

What is its mission?
Where is its mission?
When should its mission be attempted?
Who has the talents and resources to accomplish its mission?

Your church's mission begins with you!

Here are some tangible steps you can take to help answer these questions for yourself and for your church!

Missionary Education Committee

Appoint yourself as a committee of one to crusade for a Missionary Education Committee in your church. A guide for such a committee is available from the conference office.

World Missions Institute

Plan to attend the World Missions Institute at one of the following places or help make it possible for someone else to go.

Estes Park, Colo. ..... June 24-30
Lake Forest, Ill. ..... June 24-29
Mt. Sequoyah, Ark. .. July 30-Aug. 3

Mid-West Regional Meeting

Circle the dates of October 16, 17, and 18 and start now to enlist at least a carload of persons from your church to attend the Mid-West Regional Meeting at Battle Creek, Michigan. The theme this year is particularly pertinent, "The State Conference As A Missionary."

Mission Study Books

Make sure that your church secures the basic Mission Study Books for each age level. Then read them yourself and pass them on.

New Filmstrip Available At Conference Office

"Elena of the Philippines," color, 60 frames with script. Photographed in the Philippines, this filmstrip for children is about a Filipino girl who lives in the city.

"Greatness," color, script. The story of a typical Americna community and the great personalities among its citizens.

"If You Lived in Malaya," black and white pictures taken in Malaya but typical of all Southeast Asia. Use it to stimulate discussion on Southeast Asia among young people.

"It Can Happen in Summer," black and white, with script. Designed to motivate local churches to plan and conduct a vacation church school.

"Kathy Meets Some Church Helpers," color, with script. About a primary girl who learns how many people help in the work of the church and that boys and girls can help too.

"Planning and Conducting The Vacation Church School," black and white, with script. For training leaders.

"A Puppy For Jose," color with script. Photographed among agricultural migrant workers in a part of the United States. It shows how migrant families work and live. Mainly, it tells the appealing story of Jose, who takes care of his little sister, Sylvia, while his parents work in the fields, and who longs to own a puppy. Friendly church people help him to realize this longing.

Clip this column and add it to your audio-visual catalogue.

Per Member Pledging To Our Christian World Mission --- 1956

Church	O.C.W.M. Quota	Per Member
Osborne	$ 1,425.00	$ 9.69
Ottawa	500.00	6.57
Lawrence	6,000.00	6.17
Manhattan	2,100.00	5.54
Garden City	1,800.00	5.21
Russell	1,735.00	5.17
Great Bend	2,700.00	4.94
Wichita Frmt.	2,700.00	4.62
Topeka Central	5,000.00	4.48
Wichita Plym.	7,500.00	4.23
Prairie Village	1,500.00	4.18
Ash Rock	100.00	4.17
Topeka First	3,300.00	4.15
Leavenworth	500.00	4.13
Sabetha	2,000.00	4.12
Topeka Seaman	1,500.00	4.11
Emporia First	2,000.00	3.96
Whitewater	1,000.00	3.94
Mt. Hope	500.00	3.80
McPherson	1,250.00	3.61
Wakefield	350.00	3.57
Haven	300.00	3.56
Ford	450.00	3.45
Stanley	500.00	3.33
Stockton	350.00	3.24
Lenora	500.00	3.08
Newton	600.00	3.03
Anthony	500.00	3.00
K. C. Rosedale	650.00	2.95
Independence	300.00	2.87
K. C. Welborn	2,000.00	2.80
St. Marys	50.00	2.77
Almena	350.00	2.69
Wheaton	150.00	2.67
Milford	300.00	2.63
Emporia Sardis	250.00	2.56
Maple Hill	400.00	2.55
Council Grove	400.00	2.53
Wichita Pilgrim	1,350.00	2.42
Neola	50.00	2.27
K.C. 1st Pil	1,000.00	2.23
Smith Center	300.00	2.20
Seneca	350.00	2.18
Hutchinson	600.00	2.15
Athol	200.00	2.15
Partridge	600.00	2.13
Garfield	150.00	2.08
Kinsley	500.00	2.03
Tonganoxie	300.00	2.02
K.C. Ruby	500.00	1.99
Towanda	200.00	1.96
Muscotah	200.00	1.80
Ellis	400.00	1.80
Pleasant Hill	100.00	1.78
Carbondale	125.00	1.78
Eureka	400.00	1.77
Kirwin	100.00	1.72
Gaylord	200.00	1.68
Centralia	400.00	1.66
Hiawatha	80.00	1.66
Downs	240.00	1.60
Gorham	200.00	1.57
Little River	300.00	1.56
Sedgwick	200.00	1.53
Plevna	200.00	1.47
Leona	50.00	1.39
Onaga	500.00	1.28
Cumberland	50.00	1.19
Kiowa	300.00	1.16
Matfield Green	50.00	1.08
Topeka Seabrook	500.00	1.05
Olive Hill	100.00	.91
Dover	100.00	.87
Udall	75.00	.79
Mound City	100.00	.59
Lincoln	100.00	.59
Maize	50.00	.43

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Food For Thought

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. has made the following interesting statement. Some may not agree with him but he certainly gives us parents something to think about.

"Shall I force my child to go to Sunday School and Church? Yes! And with no further discussion about the matter!

Startled? Why?

How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and announces rebelliously, 'I'm not going to school today.' You know, Junior goes!

How do you answer when Junior comes in very much besmudged, and says, 'I'm not going to take a bath.' You know, Junior bathes!

How do you answer, when Junior threatened with illness, says, 'I'm not going to take medicine.' You know, he takes it!

Why all this timidity then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Going to let him wait and decide what Church he'll go to when he's old enough? Quit your kidding! You didn't wait until he was old enough to decide whether or not he wished to go to public school and get an education . . . or until he could make up his mind as to whether he wished to be a clean person or not . . . or whether or not he wished to take the medicine that would make him well.

Afraid he'll succumb to the old wives' tale about 'too much religion when he was young'—'parents made me go' sort of gag! Look about you; the story is demonstratedly and obviously false, despite its currency. Do you suppose that because you insist over his protests that Junior take his bath tonight, he will turn into a 'Bathless Groggins' when he's twenty-one?

What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday School or Church? That's an easy one. Just be consistent!

'Junior, in our house we all attend Sunday School and Church, and that includes you.' Your firmness and example here will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experiences in personal religious living.

The parents of America can strike a most effective blow against the forces which contribute to juvenile delinquency, if our mothers and fathers will take their children to Sunday School and Church regularly."

Outdoor Worship

Colonial Church at Prairie Village began June 10 holding a service at 8:30 each Sunday morning at the Leawood Drive In. Their slogan "Come as you are—Stay in your car." This service is held in addition to the 11:00 o'clock worship service.